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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Administration, Chairman IRC
Deputy Director of Operations, Member IRC
National Foreign Assessment Center, Member IRC
Deputy Director of Science and Technology, Member IRC

FROM: Thomas H. White
Executive Secretary, Information Review Committee

SUBJECT: IRC Meeting on Further Release of NIO Memorandum,
"Prospects for Further Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons"

1. An urgent meeting of the Information Review Committee is called for 15 July 1981 in the DDA Conference Room, 7D32 at 1630.

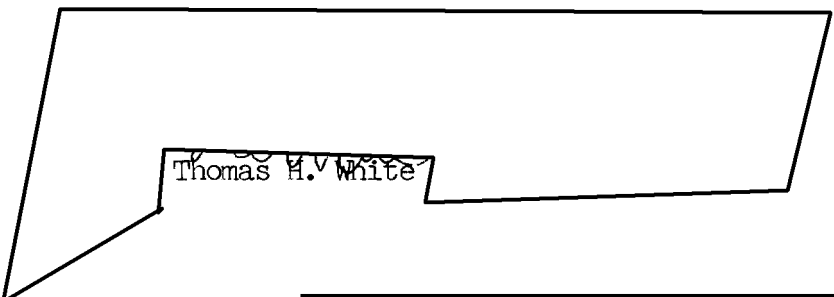
2. Attached for your information is a background paper describing in detail the events which precipitated the calling of this session. Briefly, the Director will be testifying on FOIA relief before the Senate Select Committee on 21 July. He needs to be fully informed regarding Agency policy on the inadvertent release of a classified NIO Memorandum entitled "Prospects for Further Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons."

3. The issues to be discussed and decided upon at the meeting are as follows:

--The principle of whether or not an inadvertent release of a document constitutes an official declassification?

--If the above principle is affirmed, should the NIO memorandum on nuclear proliferation be declassified and further released to the public given the wide-spread distribution it has already received?

--If it is now decided that this document should be released, what additional damage might ensue to the Agency as a result?



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